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FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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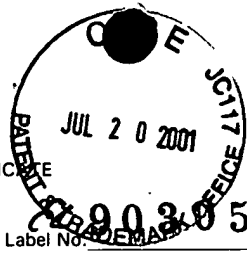
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Docket No.: 4110/1F080-US1

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In re Application of: Akihiko NAGAI

Serial No.: 09/881,574 Art Unit: 1724

Confirmation No.: 7320

Filed: June 14, 2001 Examiner:

For: VACUUM DEAERATION DEVICE

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COMPLETION OF PATENT APPLICATION

The following items are submitted herewith in completion of the above-identified patent application:

1. Declaration and power of attorney
2. Payment in the amount of \$ 420, (\$ 355 filing; \$ 0 recording; \$ 65 late)
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[X] check
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(See attached Fee Computation Sheet)

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3. ☐ Drawings, sheets (Figs:)

4. ☐ Assignment for recording to:

5. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.

PARTIAL REFUND of all fees paid within last 2 months is REQUESTED.

Priority is claimed for this application, corresponding application/s having been filed as follows:

Country: JAPAN
Number: 10-287471
Date: October 9, 1998

The priority document ☐ are enclosed
☐ will follow.
☒ were filed in a previous application.

Country: US
Number: 09/303,980
Date: May 3, 1999

The Patent Office is authorized to charge any deficiency up to \$300.00 in the above fees, and to credit any excess, to our Deposit Account No. 4-0100.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: July 20, 2001

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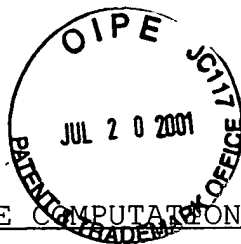
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PATENT FEE COMPUTATION SHEET

	No. of Claims Presented	Extra Claims Previously Paid For	Number of Extra Claims	Rate
Basic Fee				\$710.00
Total Claims	3 - 20	- 0 = 0	x \$18.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	2 - 3	- 0 = 0	x \$80.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims		- if so, add	\$270.00	\$0.00
Surcharge for late submission of filing fee and/or declaration (\$130.00)				\$130.00
SUBTOTAL				\$840.00
[X] Small Entity REDUCTION (Half of Subtotal)				\$420.00
Fee for recordation of assignment (\$40.00)				\$0.00
Charge for filing non-English language application (\$130.00)				\$0.00
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